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is no penalty in this bill, so consequently, it has not been much of a problem. It does have some beneficial aspects and what the committee amendments do is simply this. It says that sheriff's department personnel may not be active in political campaigns while they are in uniform or during duty hours. If they are, we put a penalty on, since there is no penalty in the existing law. The penalty would be, I believe, a Class 3 misdemeanor. That is the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the committee amendments as amended vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The committee amendments as amended are adopted. Now, Senator Newell, what will we do with the bill?

SENATOR NEWELL: I move for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any further explanation on the bill? The amendments?

SENATOR NEWELL: Basically the committee amendments are the bill and we just explained the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you wish to be recognized on the bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have a question of Senator Newell please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Newell, you have no intention of limiting the sheriffs from actually participating in political activity any more than any other employee of government, do you?

SENATOR NEWELL: No, we do not only to the extent that they cannot be in uniform. No, no, the answer is no. That is the same as is true with other public employees.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Is there any discrimination here against a sheriff from the standpoint that he wears a uniform whereas myself as an individual, as an employee of government, does